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**TESTIMONY in SUPPORT of G.M. 633  
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE  
BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM OPERATORS,  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, GLENN A. AH YAT  
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2019**

SENATOR JOSH GREEN, CHAIR  
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

HEARING DATE: APRIL 15, 2015  
TIME: 1:15 P.M.

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1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health strongly supports the nomination of  
2 Mr. Glenn A. Ah Yat to the Board of Certification of Public Water System Operators.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None

4 **Purpose and Justification:** Mr. Ah Yat has 23 years of experience in the operation of a large  
5 water distribution system and is currently employed at the Honolulu Board of Water Supply  
6 (HBWS). Mr. Ah Yat started as a Pipefitter Trades Apprentice for the HBWS and worked his  
7 way up to his current position of Water Service Supervisor giving him extensive operational  
8 experience in the field. As the Water Service Supervisor, he oversees the 24-hour operation and  
9 maintenance of the distribution system in the suburban areas of Oahu, managing the corporation  
10 yards, and operation of construction equipment on pipelines, valves, fire hydrants, and meters.

11 In addition to his extensive public drinking water experience, Mr. Ah Yat possesses a  
12 Distribution System Operator certification at the highest level of "4." He, therefore, understands  
13 the value of a certification program. His knowledge will bring valuable insight from the field  
14 operations perspective to the Board, and his willingness to serve demonstrates his commitment to  
15 his profession and the certification of drinking water system operators.

16 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.